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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
FCC Rules Section 54.314 - USF Affidavit**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative, Inc., a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, there is submitted herewith the carrier's annual affidavit filed pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 54.314(b), in support of its eligibility to receive federal support during the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of next year.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



David L. Nace

c: Universal Service Administrative Company (w/enclosure)  
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Section 254(e), 47 C.F.R. § 54.314  
Certification of  
BLEDSOE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
P.O. Box 609, Pikeville, Tennessee 37367

AFFIDAVIT

I, John Lee Downey, President of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the President of the Cooperative;
2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of the state of Tennessee where local exchange service is provided by the Cooperative;
3. The Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(37);
4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
5. The Cooperative will utilize all federal high-cost USF support received in 2009 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Signature: John Lee Downey

Date: September 8, 2008

Print Name: John Lee Downey

Title: President

State of Tennessee

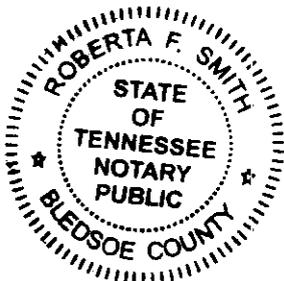
County of Bledsoe

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee, on this day personally appeared John Lee Downey, President, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, 2008.

My Commission expires 7-30-2012.

Roberta F. Smith  
Notary Public





**Saddleback**  
COMMUNICATIONS  
A Division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
Saddleback Communications  
Supplemental Data as Required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.202

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith is the Annual Use Certification for Saddleback Communications, and the Supplemental Data as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.202. Saddleback is an incumbent local exchange carrier which serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Arizona. It has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act since 1998. As a tribally-owned telecommunications company, it is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Bryant  
President/General Manager

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Bill Bryant of Saddleback Communications ("the Company"), who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is Bill Bryant. I am employed by Saddleback Communications (Study Area No. 457991) in the position of President/General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with all Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how these funds are used by the Company.

2. Saddleback Communications was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Federal Communications Commission in CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 98-223 by order dated November 4, 1998.

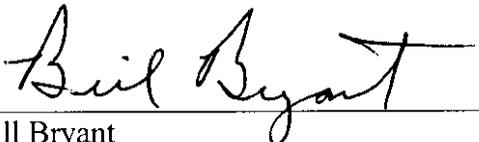
3. Saddleback Communications hereby certifies that all federal high cost support received will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act.

4. As a tribally owned telecommunications company, Saddleback Communications is not subject to jurisdiction by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

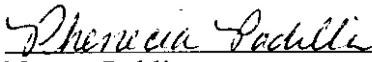
5. I have reviewed the information contained in the document captioned "CC Docket No. 96-45 Supplemental Data as Required by Section 54.202 of the Commission's Rules" to which this Affidavit is attached. All information in that document was

prepared by me or by persons under my immediate supervision. All information contained therein is true and correct based upon knowledge and belief.

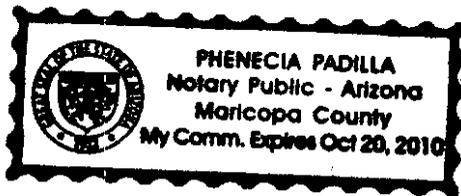
6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Bryant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 23 day of September, 2008.

  
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Notary Public  
State of Arizona

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**Saddleback Communications**  
**A division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

CC Docket No. 96-45

Supplemental Data as Required by Section 54.202 of the Commission's Rules

Saddleback Communications is an incumbent local exchange carrier which serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, a Federally recognized Indian Tribe, in Arizona.

**1.) Five-Year Plan demonstrating how high-cost universal service support will be used to improve Saddleback Communication's coverage, service quality or capacity.**

In 2007, Saddleback received a total of \$3,077,417 Universal Service Support.

**Universal Service Support Received in 2007**

LSS	\$599,208
ICLS	\$926,520
HCLF	\$1,518,178
Safety Net	\$8,795
Lifeline	\$24,716

In 2007, Saddleback invested \$1,888,409 in capital improvements, and had a Plant Under Construction balance of \$437,124 at December 31, 2007.

**2007 Actual Capital Expenditures**

<b>Telco Plant in Service Additions</b>	
Total Cable & Wire Plant	\$ 393,200
Total Central Office/Circuit Equip	\$ 1,229,802
Buildings and Land	\$ 107,676
Other Support Assets(vehicles, office and other work equipment, office equipment	\$ 157,731
<b>Grand Total Plant Additions</b>	<b>\$ 1,888,409</b>

Major improvements completed in 2007: Added additional cable and wire facilities and access nodes for 3 new developments; Completed installation of a soft switch; Replaced old cable and wire facilities.

Proposed major five-year improvements will rehab old wire and cable facilities, bury aerial fiber cable that can be easily damaged by storms, add a remote switch to better service the area and

create redundancy, create redundant fiber paths, replace old access nodes that are no longer supported, and provide service to new areas being developed.

**Five-Year Projected Capital Expenditures**

<b>Telco Plant in Service</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Total Cable & Wire Plant	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,599,000	\$ 1,181,000	\$ 921,000	\$ 1,025,000
Total Central Office/Circuit Equip	\$ 1,986,000	\$ 1,355,000	\$ 755,000	\$ 574,000	\$ 710,000
Buildings and Land	\$ 24,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Other Support Assets(vehicles, office and other work equipment, office equipment	\$ 133,000	\$ 142,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 245,000	\$ 230,000
<b>Grand Total Plant Additions</b>	<b>\$ 2,593,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,531,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,116,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,760,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,985,000</b>

**Total Five-Year Projected Capital Expenditures: \$11,985,000**

Proposed major five-year improvements and estimated start and completion dates:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Est. Start Date</b>	<b>Est. Completion Date</b>
Install new soft switch in CO	Feb. 2008	Oct. 2008
Bury Alma School Aerial Fiber	May 2008	Sept. 2008
Bury McKellips Aerial Fiber	Jan. 2009	May 2009
Thomas Road Rehab	April 2008	Aug. 2008
Extension Road Rehab	Feb 2009	May 2009
Indian School Rd. Rehab	May 2009	Nov 2009
New remote soft switch installation and CEV	May 2008	Feb. 2009
Cisco Optical Network installation	Mar. 2008	May 2008
Replace 11 Old Access Nodes	Nov. 2008	Jan. 2012
New CO Fiber Ring	Mar. 2009	May 2009
New A Ring	Nov. 2008	Feb. 2009
Cable and Electronics into new Developments	Oct. 2008	Nov. 2011
Cable and Electronics at Section 12 (new development)	Feb 2009	June 2012

**2.) Outages**

During the previous 12 month period, Saddleback did not have any outages that lasted at least 30 minutes in duration that affected at least ten percent of the users served in the area, or that potentially affected a 911 special facility.

**3.) Request for Service**

There were no requests for service from potential customer within the service area that were unfulfilled during the past year.

**4.) Complaints**

During the previous 12 month period Saddleback received one complaint. This would be an average of 0.28 complaints per 1,000 lines from customers.

**5.) Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**

Saddleback Communications will comply with all applicable consumer protection laws and industry standards, including those set forth by industry associations such as the U.S. Telecom Association.

**6.) Function in Emergency Situations**

Saddleback Communications can remain functional in emergency situations because of:

- Batteries and UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supplies)
- Three 250KW Onan generators
- FM200 fire suppression system
- Redundant fiber paths
- OC48 ring technology

**7.) Local Usage Plan**

Saddleback is the incumbent LEC in the service area.

**8.) Provide Equal Access to Long Distance Carriers**

Saddleback is the incumbent LEC and offers equal access to long distance providers.



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Ms. Karen Majcher --Universal Service Administrative Company  
Vice President—High Cost and Low Income Division  
2000 L. Street, NW, STE 200  
Washington, DC 20036

RE: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
FUNDING

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Order released May 23, 2001, Highland Telephone Cooperative wishes to submit the enclosed affidavit to be used as certification for eligibility of universal service support. CC Document No. 96-45 is the number assigned to this order.

Feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Ruth Newman  
Office Manager

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## AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID BLANCHARD IN SUPPORT OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE'S USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF HIGHLAND

I, David Blanchard, declare as follows:

1. I am president of Highland Telephone Cooperative and am authorized to give this affidavit on its behalf. This affidavit is being given to support the certification of the use of federal universal service funds for 2008 as required by 47 C.F.R. [§ 54.313/ § 54.314].

2. Under 47 C.F.R. [§ 54.313/ § 54.314], the Cooperative is required to submit an annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), certifying that rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the service area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier within the Commonwealth of Virginia will use federal high-cost universal service support in a manner consistent with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). Absent such certification, such carriers will not receive universal service support. In order for carriers to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Commission's certification must be filed with the FCC and the USAC by October 1 of the preceding year.

3. Highland Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal support Highland Telephone Cooperative will receive in 2008 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a), and that it will only use

the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Act.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



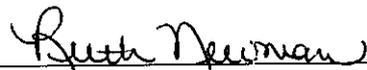
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Title: President

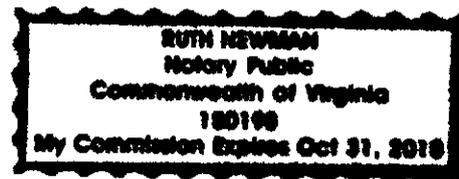
**HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of September, 2008.

My commission expires 10/31/2010.



Notary Public



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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

September 19, 2008

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Karen Majcher  
Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
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Washington, D.C. 20036

**RE: State Certification of Federal High-Cost Support, CC Docket No. 96-45.**

To the Filing Representatives:

Below is a list of carriers<sup>1</sup> certified by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Texas PUC) in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314<sup>2</sup>, which established an annual state certification process for those carriers that have received eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation in Texas seeking high-cost support from the federal universal service fund. All carriers listed below have certified to the Texas PUC that all federal high-cost support<sup>3</sup> provided to them will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

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<sup>1</sup> This list includes each carrier's study code, if available, assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA).

<sup>2</sup> See Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-45, and *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 00-256 (May 23, 2001).

<sup>3</sup> This includes high-cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost model support, hold harmless support, and high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

**TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2008**

	<b>CARRIER</b>	<b>STUDY AREA CODE</b>
1	Alenco Communications, Inc	442090
2	Alltel Communications, LLC (CMRS - NR) <sup>4</sup>	449034
3	AMA TechTel Communications (Rural & NR)	449020
4	Big Bend Telephone Company Inc	442039
5	Blossom Telephone Co, Inc	442038
6	Border to Border Communications, Inc	442073
7	Brazoria Telephone Company	442040
8	Brazos Telecommunications, Inc	442041
9	Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442041
10	Cameron Telephone Company	440425
11	Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442046
12	Caprock Cellular LP (CMRS)	449032
13	Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442052
14	CenturyTel of Lake Dallas, Inc	442101
15	CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc	270431
16	CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc	442117
17	CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc	442140
18	CGKC&H #1 Rural Limited Partnership (dba Five Star Wireless) (CMRS Rural & NR)	449046
19	CGKC&H #2 Rural Limited Partnership (dba West Central Wireless & Right Wireless) (CMRS - NR)	449043
20	Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442057
21	Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442059
22	Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc	442060
23	Community Telephone Company, Inc	442061
24	Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Co (fka Fort Bend Telephone)	442072
25	Consolidated Communications of Texas Co (fka Lufkin Conroe Telephone fka TXU Telephone)	442109
26	CT Cube (CMRS - NR)	449018
27	Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442065
28	Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc (CLEC Rural & NR)	449004
29	Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442066
30	DialToneServices, LP (DTS) (MSS - Rural & NR)	449030

<sup>4</sup> Any carrier on this list not identified as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider, or mobile satellite service (MSS) provider is an incumbent local exchange carrier. Any carrier on this list that is not identified as "non-rural" (NR) is a "rural" carrier. The designations of "rural" and "non-rural" are federal designations obtained by the carrier through a federal self-certification process and are recognized solely for the purpose of federal USF support.

31	Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc (CMRS Rural & NR)	449022
32	Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442068
33	Electra Telephone Company	442069
34	ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442262
35	Etex Communications, LP (dba Etex Wireless) (CMRS)	449041
36	Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442070
37	FEC Communications (CLEC) (Rural & NR)	449009
38	Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442071
39	Ganado Telephone Company, Inc	442076
40	GCEC Telecom (CLEC) (NR)	449012
41	Grande Communications Networks, Inc (CLEC)	449015
42	Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442083
43	Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442086
44	Industry Telephone Company	442093
45	La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc	442103
46	Lake Livingston Telephone Company	442104
47	Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc	492264
48	Lipan Telephone Company	442105
49	Livingston Telephone Company, Inc	442107
50	Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442112
51	Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd (CMRS)	449026
52	Nexus Communications, Inc (CMRS) (NR)	449038
53	Nortex Communications (fka Muenster)	442116
54	North Texas Telephone Company	442043
55	NTS Communications, Inc (CLEC) (NR)	449024
56	NTS Telephone Company LLC (dba NTS of Levelland) (CLEC) (NR)	in process
57	Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc ( dba PTCI)	449019
58	Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc ( dba PTCI)	432016
59	Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442130
60	Plateau Telecommunications, Inc (CMRS)	449037
61	Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442131
62	Riviera Telephone Co, Inc	442134
63	Sage Telecom of Texas, LP (CLEC) (NR)	449010
64	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442141
65	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC)	449006
66	South Plains Telephone Cooperative Inc	442143
67	Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc	401724
68	Southwest Texas Telephone Company	442135
69	Sprint Nextel Corporation (fka Sprint Corp) (CMRS) (NR)	449017
70	Tatum Telephone Company	442150
71	Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442151
72	Texas RSA 1 Limited Partnership (dba XIT Wireless) (CMRS)	449031
73	Texas RSA 7B3, LP (dba Peoples Wireless) (CMRS)	449048

74	TerraCom (CLEC) (NR)	449045
75	Texas Windstream Inc	442153
76	United Telephone Company of Texas ( dba Embarq)	442084
77	Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442159
78	Verizon Southwest (NR)	442080
79	Verizon Southwest (NR)	442154
80	VTX Telecom, LP (CLEC) (NR)	449050
81	W.T. Services, Inc (CLEC) (Rural & NR)	449001
82	West Plains Telecommunications, Inc	442071
83	West Texas Rural Telephone Coop, Inc	442166
84	Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442168
85	Windstream Communications Kerrville, LLC	442097
86	Windstream Communications Southwest	441163
87	Windstream Sugar Land Inc	442147
88	WWC Texas RSA Limited Partnership (dba Alltel Communications) (CMRS) (Rural & NR)	449003
89	XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc	442170
90	XIT Telecommunications & Technology Ltd (CLEC)	449002

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Liz Kayser at 512-936-7390 or Grace M. Godines at 512-936-7131 in our Competitive Markets Division.

Respectfully submitted,



Jess Totten  
 Director,  
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